

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 10, Lines 10-17:

1 The display electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 are both arranged in uniform
2 parallel lines, the display electrodes 12 being placed at right angles to the barrier ribs 24, and the
3 address electrodes 22 being parallel with the barrier ribs 24. The panel composed of the front
4 panel 10 and the back panel 20 has a structure in which the points where the display panel
5 electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 intersect to form cells to emit red, green and blue
6 light.

Page 18, Lines 15-25, through Page 19, Line 19.

1 A paste of a sealing glass frit is applied applied to a peripheral region of one or both of
2 the front panel 10 and the back panel 20 which have been manufactured as described above, and
3 the applied paste is pre-baked so that resin and other elements are removed, forming a glass
4 sealant layer. The front panel 10 and the back panel 20 are then put together with the display
5 electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 facing each other at right angles. Both panels 10 and
6 20 are then heated, softening the glass sealant layer and sealing them together. As a result, an
7 inner space (a space between the front panel 10 and the back panel 20, surrounded by the glass
8 sealant layer) is sealed from the outside.

1 Page 24, Lines 24-25, through Page 25, Line 3.

The present embodiment has an atmosphere of dry air inside the heating furnace 51 41,
and so dry air drifts into the inner space through the gaps. Accordingly, the deterioration in the
blue phosphors during the sealing process is more effectively decreased.